

community and worldwide. In 1985, Rotary International launched Polio Plus and spearheaded efforts to immunize the children of the world against polio. Since then, polio cases have dropped 99 percent, and the world now stands on the threshold of eradicating this dreaded disease.

Mr. Speaker, Rotarians live by the 4-way test: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? And will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Would not we all be better off if we adopted this creed? Congratulations Rotary International.

#### THE UNITED NATIONS

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I do applaud the comments being a Rotarian. Rotary International has done a great deal.

But I rise today because, yesterday, we heard and read news reports of the United Nations efforts to keep secret the very information with which it should have been most forthcoming. At a time when the United Nations' reputation for trust, justice, fairness and following its own rules is at an all time low, it should be doing everything it can to bring information to light, whether it is good or bad.

However, this United Nations and apparently its leader has far more guilty culpability than many of us ever suspected. The United Nations' leadership seems united in one thing: Do not let people discover the truth. The U.N. leadership, if it spent half the time lining the fabric of freedom as it is alleged to have done in lining the pockets of his family and friends, we would not have these problems.

If the U.N. is going to cover up the wrongs it has done from those who pay for the U.N., then it is high time we cover our U.S. bank account from them. We are literally paying them to hire guns, to hide information from us. Organized crime is said to have cleaners that come in and clean up after illegal activity. Sounds like the Secretary General himself has full-time cleaners on his staff.

It is time to hold the U.N. accountable.

#### TAX CUTS

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, at the end of last week, we got reports of an unanticipated surge in revenues to the Federal Treasury. Many people on this House Floor from the other side of the aisle for a long period of time decried the prospects of the Bush tax cuts, saying that they would take our economy right into the tank and ensure that we would never be able to balance the Federal budget.

Well, the fact of the matter is, Democrats and Republicans alike now talk about the need to focus on fiscal responsibility and turning the corner on the massive Federal deficit that we have. The single most important thing that we can do is to make sure that the economy is growing.

And we, by virtue of putting into place the tax cuts in the last 3 years, have actually dramatically increased through those tax cuts by 29 percent the flow of revenues to the Federal Treasury, beyond what had been anticipated. Our policy of making sure that we grow the economy is critically important.

Another component of that will be passage of the Central American Free Trade Agreement, which we will be voting on in the not-too-distant future. It is critically important that we keep this pro-growth agenda moving so that we can, in fact, have the revenues we need to balance the budget.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIRMAN OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KOLBE) laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable BOB NEY, Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY,  
Washington, DC, May 6, 2005.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
H-232 The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to Public Law 101-696 Section 801 (40 USC para. 188a(b)) the Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library is provided a position on the Capitol Preservation Commission.

I am appointing Mr. JOHN MICA of Florida to be my designee as provided for in Public Law 101-696 section 801 (40 USC para. 188a(c)).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
BOB NEY,  
Chairman, Joint Committee on the Library.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

#### CHARLES "PETE" CONRAD ASTRONOMY AWARDS ACT

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1023) to authorize the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish an awards program in honor of Charles "Pete" Conrad, astronaut and space

scientist, for recognizing the discoveries made by amateur astronomers of asteroids with near-Earth orbit trajectories.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1023

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Charles 'Pete' Conrad Astronomy Awards Act".

#### SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this Act—

(1) the term "Administrator" means the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration;

(2) the term "amateur astronomer" means an individual whose employer does not provide any funding, payment, or compensation to the individual for the observation of asteroids and other celestial bodies, and does not include any individual employed as a professional astronomer;

(3) the term "Minor Planet Center" means the Minor Planet Center of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory;

(4) the term "near-Earth asteroid" means an asteroid with a perihelion distance of less than 1.3 Astronomical Units from the Sun; and

(5) the term "Program" means the Charles "Pete" Conrad Astronomy Awards Program established under section 3.

#### SEC. 3. PETE CONRAD ASTRONOMY AWARD PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall establish the Charles "Pete" Conrad Astronomy Awards Program.

(b) AWARDS.—The Administrator shall make awards under the Program based on the recommendations of the Minor Planet Center.

(c) AWARD CATEGORIES.—The Administrator shall make one annual award, unless there are no eligible discoveries or contributions, for each of the following categories:

(1) The amateur astronomer or group of amateur astronomers who in the preceding calendar year discovered the intrinsically brightest near-Earth asteroid among the near-Earth asteroids that were discovered during that year by amateur astronomers or groups of amateur astronomers.

(2) The amateur astronomer or group of amateur astronomers who made the greatest contribution to the Minor Planet Center's mission of cataloguing near-Earth asteroids during the preceding year.

(d) AWARD AMOUNT.—An award under the Program shall be in the amount of \$3,000.

(e) GUIDELINES.—(1) No individual who is not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States at the time of his discovery or contribution may receive an award under this Act.

(2) The decisions of the Administrator in making awards under this Act are final.

(f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—From sums otherwise authorized to be appropriated, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. ROHRABACHER) and the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. ROHRABACHER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within